



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

June 29, 2009

Mr. Paul Clary
City of Baltimore Development Corporation
36 South Charles St.
Baltimore, MD 21201

Re: Project Title - *Recovery Act - Westport Waterfront Tidal Wetlands Creation in Baltimore City*

Dear Mr. Clary:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding consideration to the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), however your project referenced above was not selected for funding.

NOAA received 814 applications for funding, for a total request of over \$3 billion. Rigorous technical and panel reviews were conducted, evaluating the proposed ecological and economic impacts, and readiness as outlined in the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement. Only 6% (50 proposals) were able to be awarded even though many more high quality and deserving projects were submitted. Please visit <http://www.noaa.gov/recovery/> for information about the selected projects and for other NOAA information related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We commend your efforts for making coastal restoration and job creation such a high priority. The combined efforts of the habitat conservation community have overwhelmingly demonstrated the immediate need for healthy marine and coastal habitat, and NOAA continues to look forward in joining you to advance our common goals.

We will continue to announce NOAA habitat restoration funding opportunities on our Restoration Center website and encourage you to submit project proposals for consideration to those solicitations. Announcements are posted at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration>

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Montanio,
Director, Office of Habitat Conservation

